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SUBJECT: CODEL KENNEDY

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1. CONGEN HAS RESERVED FOUR DOUBLES AND TWO SINGLES AT HILTON HOTEL FOR CODEL PARTY NIGHT OF JANUARY 10. THREE RENTAL CARS HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED. CONGEN WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL VEHICLES AS NECESSARY.
2. SINCE THERE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE PRESS INTEREST IN MEETING WITH SENATOR KENNEDY, PRESS CONFERENCE CAN BE READILY ARRANGED. TO ALLOW PARTY BRIEF REST AT HOTEL, WE SUGGEST 3:00 P.M. PRESS CONFERENCE AT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB WHICH IS CLOSE TO HILTON.
3. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF U.S. PRESS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ACCOMPANYING SENATOR ON FLIGHT TO TOKYO.
4. GIVEN LIMITED TIME IN HONG KONG, WE SUGGEST PARTY CONSIDER HONG KONG ISLAND MOTOR TOUR AFTERNOON OF 10TH AND SHIPPING ON MORNING OF 11TH BEFORE DEPARTURE.

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PARTY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER VISIT TO JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR SPASTIC CHILDREN, WHICH WOULD BE WARMLY WELCOMED. THIS COULD BE DONE DURING ISLAND TOUR. ALTERNATIVELY, A 2-HOUR BOAT TOUR OF HARBOR IS AVAILABLE AFTERNOON OF 10TH.

5. CONSUL GENERAL SHOESMITH EXTENDS AN INVITATION

TO REMAINING MEMBERS OF CODEL PARTY FOR COCKTAILS AT
RESIDENCE EVENING OF 10TH

6. CONTROL OFFICER FOR CODEL IS POLITICAL OFFICER
G. EUGENE MARTIN WHO WILL MEET PARTY AT THE BORDER.
SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 REFTEL B
STILL PERTAIN AND WE ARE WORKING OUT TRAVEL PROCEDURES
FROM BORDER TO HILTON WHICH WOULD AVOID POSSIBLE HARASSMENT BY
OVERZEALOUS LOCAL PRESS.

7. PLEASE ADVISE IF PARTY WISHES TO SEE MR. AND MRS.
LOUIS RUTHERFORD. (MRS. RUTHERFORD IS HALF SISTER
OF MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS.) WE WOULD BE HAPPY
TO INCLUDE THEM IN PROPOSED COCKTAILS AT RESIDENCE.
SHOESMITH

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